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TO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS IMMEDIATE

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, BE

SUBJECT:AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. ADMINISTRATION IS DRAWING UP BRIEF AND TIGHT LISTS OF SPECIFIC POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADORS AT EACH POST, UPDATING AND FOCUSING MORE SHARPLY THOSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN SET FORTH IN CONNECTION WITH BUDGET/POLICY PROCESS. THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WE HAVE DEFINED FOR YOUR MISSION ARE:

2. POLITICAL-MILITARY

-- ENCOURAGE BELGIAN SUPPORT FOR OUR CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT INITIATIVE (WASHINGTON RESPONSIBILITY). WORK FOR SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF BELGIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE F-16 COPRODUCTION SCHEME (WASHINGTON AND FIELD RESPONSIBILITY.)

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-- ENCOURAGE BELGIAN FULFILLMENT OF NATO'S THREE PERCENT DEFENSE SPENDING INCREASE AIM AND ITS SUPPORT FOR THE SHORT AND LONG-TERM DEFENSE IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES AGREED AT THE NAC SUMMIT. SEEK BELGIAN SUPPORT FOR EURCOM RELOCATION. (WASHINGTON AND BRUSSELS ACTION.)

EAST-WEST RELATIONS

-- MAINTAIN BELGIAN SUPPORT FOR OUR INITIATIVES IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS THAT AFFECT THEIR VITAL SECURITY INTERESTS THROUGH CLOSE CONSULTATION ON SUCH ISSUES AS SALT, MBFR, THE BELGRADE CSCE REVIEW CONFERENCE, AND THROUGH ACTIVE BELGIAN PARTICIPATION IN NATO'S STUDY OF TRENDS IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS. (WASHINGTON AND BRUSSELS ACTION.)

#### EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

-- FOSTER A FULL AND FRANK EXCHANGE WITH THE EC THROUGH BELGIUM'S PRESIDENCY OF THE EC COUNCIL THE LAST HALF OF THIS YEAR, TO ENCOURAGE EC UNDERSTANDING OF THE US POSITION ON, FOR EXAMPLE, THE MIDDLE EAST. (WASHINGTON ACTION.)

-- SEEK BELGIUM'S SUPPORT -- AS A TRADITIONAL TRADING NATION -- WITHIN THE EC FOR A MAJOR EFFORT IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. (BRUSSELS ACTION.)

#### ECONOMIC RELATIONS

-- CONTINUE THE FAVORABLE CLIMATE FOR US EXPORTS AND FOR THE 1,000 US SUBSIDIARIES OPERATING IN BELGIUM. (BRUSSELS AND WASHINGTON ACTION.)

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#### CIVIL AVIATION

-- IF THE RESULTS OF THE UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS FAIL TO MEET BELGIAN GOALS FOR A SECOND US GATEWAY FOR SABENA (WASHINGTON ACTION), WORK TO KEEP THIS FROM BECOMING AN IRRITANT THAT SPILLS OVER INTO OTHER AREAS. (BRUSSELS ACTION.)

#### AFRICA

-- CONSULT CLOSELY ON ZAIRE, IN VIEW OF BELGIUM'S POSITION AS THE EX-COLONIZING POWER WITH CONSIDERABLE REMAINING INTERESTS AND EXPERTISE THERE. SEEK BELGIAN SUPPORT FOR US-UK INITIATIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. (WASHINGTON AND FIELD ACTION.)

3. THE ABOVE LIST PURPOSELY OMITTS SUCH TRADITIONAL "GOALS AND OBJECTIVES" AS IMPROVING RELATIONS, MAINTAINING EXISTING TIES AND ASSOCIATIONS, PROTECTING BUSINESS, EXPANDING TRADE, AND US CITIZEN INTERESTS, AS WELL AS REFERENCES TO IMPLEMENTING BASIC POLICIES OF THE

ADMINISTRATION SUCH AS HUMAN RIGHTS, NON PROLIFERATION,  
ARMS SALES, AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE UNLESS THESE  
REQUIRE UNUSUAL OR PARTICULAR EMPHASIS OR DEEMPHASIS IN A  
GIVEN COUNTRY. NEGOTIATION OF NEW AGREEMENTS OR ON KEY  
SUBJECTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED AND IF THESE ARE NOT NOTED  
AND YOU BELIEVE THEY ARE AREAS WHERE SUCH NEGOTIATIONS  
SHOULD BE CONDUCTED, PLEASE MADE ADDITIONS OR SUGGESTED  
CHANGES. WE WOULD LIKE YOUR COMMENTS BY COB AUGUST 17  
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